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H. R. 1749

To provide assistance to owners of manufactured homes constructed prior to 1976 to purchase Energy Star qualified manufactured homes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2009

Mr. HILL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Energy Efficient Man-
5 ufactured Housing Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) There are more than 2,000,000,000 manu-
2 factured homes constructed prior to 1976 still occu-
3 pied as permanent residences throughout the United
4 States.

5 (2) Manufactured homes constructed prior to
6 1976 generally have very poor energy efficiency, as
7 such homes pre-date any Federal energy efficiency
8 standards for manufactured homes.

9 (3) Replacing manufactured homes constructed
10 prior to 1976 with new Energy Star qualified manu-
11 factured homes will dramatically lower energy con-
12 sumption and costs for residents of such homes,
13 most of whom are in low-income households.

14 **SEC. 3. ENERGY EFFICIENT MANUFACTURED HOMES.**

15 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) MANUFACTURED HOME.—The term “manu-
17 factured home” has the meaning given such term in
18 section 603 of the National Manufactured Housing
19 Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42
20 U.S.C. 5402).

21 (2) ENERGY STAR QUALIFIED MANUFACTURED
22 HOME.—The term “Energy Star qualified manufac-
23 tured home” means a manufactured home that has
24 been designed, produced, and installed in accordance

1 with Energy Star's guidelines by an Energy Star
2 certified plant.

3 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to as-
4 sist low-income households residing in manufactured
5 homes constructed prior to 1976 to save energy and en-
6 ergy expenditures by providing support toward the pur-
7 chase of new Energy Star qualified manufactured homes.

8 (c) GRANTS TO STATE AGENCIES.—

9 (1) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Energy may
10 make grants to State agencies responsible for devel-
11 oping State energy conservation plans under section
12 362 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42
13 U.S.C. 6322) (or such other existing State agency
14 that exercises similar functions as the Governor of
15 a State may designate), to provide owners of manu-
16 factured homes constructed prior to 1976 rebates to
17 use toward purchases of new Energy Star qualified
18 manufactured homes.

19 (2) ALLOCATION OF GRANTS.—Grants under
20 paragraph (1) shall be distributed to State agencies
21 in States on the basis of their proportionate share
22 of all manufactured homes constructed prior to 1976
23 that are occupied as primary residences in the
24 United States, based on the most recent and accu-
25 rate data available.

1 (3) REBATES.—

2 (A) PRIMARY RESIDENCE REQUIRE-
3 MENT.—A rebate described under paragraph
4 (1) may only be made to an owner of a manu-
5 factured home constructed prior to 1976 that is
6 used on a year-round basis as a primary resi-
7 dence.

8 (B) DESTRUCTION AND REPLACEMENT.—
9 A rebate described under paragraph (1) may be
10 made only if the manufactured home con-
11 structed prior to 1976 will be—

12 (i) destroyed (including appropriate
13 recycling); and

14 (ii) replaced, in the same general loca-
15 tion, as determined by the applicable State
16 agency, with an Energy Star qualified
17 manufactured home.

18 (C) SINGLE REBATE.—A rebate described
19 under paragraph (1) may not be provided to
20 any owner of a manufactured home constructed
21 prior to 1976 that was or is a member of a
22 household for which any member of the house-
23 hold was provided a rebate pursuant to this sec-
24 tion.

1 (D) ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS.—To be eligi-
2 ble to receive a rebate described under para-
3 graph (1), an owner of a manufactured home
4 constructed prior to 1976 shall demonstrate to
5 the applicable State agency that the total in-
6 come of all members the owner’s household does
7 not exceed 200 percent of the Federal poverty
8 level for income in the applicable area.

9 (4) REBATE LIMITATION.—Rebates provided by
10 State agencies under this section shall not exceed
11 \$7,500 per manufactured home from any funds ap-
12 propriated pursuant to this section.

13 (5) USE OF STATE FUNDS.—A State agency
14 providing rebates under this section may supplement
15 the amount of such rebates under paragraph (4) by
16 any amount such agency approves if such additional
17 amount is from State funds and other sources, in-
18 cluding private donations or grants from charitable
19 foundations.

20 (6) SIMILAR PROGRAMS.—

21 (A) STATE PROGRAMS.—A State agency
22 conducting a program that has the purpose of
23 replacing manufactured homes constructed
24 prior to 1976 with Energy Star qualified manu-
25 factured homes, may use funding provided

1 under this section to support such a program,
2 provided such funding does not exceed the re-
3 bate limitation amount under paragraph (4).

4 (B) FEDERAL PROGRAMS.—The Secretary
5 of Energy shall seek to achieve the purpose of
6 this section through similar Federal programs
7 including—

8 (i) the Weatherization Assistance Pro-
9 gram under part A of title IV of the En-
10 ergy Conservation and Production Act (42
11 U.S.C. 6861 et seq.); and

12 (ii) the program under part D of title
13 III of the Energy Policy and Conservation
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.).

15 (7) ADMINISTRATION.—

16 (A) CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.—Each
17 State agency receiving funding under this sec-
18 tion shall establish fiscal controls and account-
19 ing procedures sufficient, as determined by the
20 Secretary of Energy, to ensure proper account-
21 ing for disbursements made from such funds
22 and fund balances. Such procedures shall con-
23 form to generally accepted Government ac-
24 counting principles.

1 (B) COORDINATION WITH OTHER STATE
2 AGENCIES.—A State agency receiving funding
3 under this section may coordinate its efforts,
4 and share funds for administration, with other
5 State agencies involved in low-income housing
6 programs.

7 (C) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—A State
8 agency receiving funding under this section may
9 expend not more than 10 percent of such funds
10 for administrative expenses.

11 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
13 appropriated to the Secretary of Energy,
14 \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010
15 through 2012 to carry out this section.

16 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of the
17 amounts available each fiscal year to carry out this
18 section, the Secretary of Energy may expend not
19 more than 5 percent to pay administrative expenses.

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